GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IRON- ORE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Iron ore exported to various countries during last three years and the value thereof in Indian currency;

(b) whether any of the major Indian importer has increased or propose to increase the import of Iron ore from the country in any of these years; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposals received by the Government from any of these countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The quantity of Iron ore exported to various countries during the last three years, along with value thereof in India currency, are as follows:

(Quantity in Lakh Metric Tonnes, Value in Rs. Crore)

Year	Quantity	Value
2002-2003	480.2	3655.15
2003-2004	625.8	7042.08
2004-2005 (Provisional)	781.5	14253.38#

(Source: MMTC; # Estimated value)

(b): The major importer of iron ore from India is China. The export of iron ore to China have increased from 262.7 lakh metric tones to 594 lakh metric tones from 2002-03 to 2004-05.

(c): Major export of iron ore from India is undertaken in the private sector and the rest is done by the public sector. Therefore, the proposals for exports are not received at the Government level.